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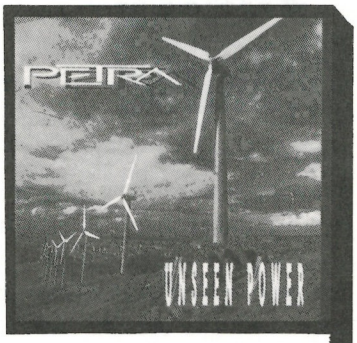
NEW ALBUM IN THE WORKS



Between concert dates and photo shoots, Petra has been working on their third release for Dayspring - UNSEEN POWER. As this is being written, Petra is at Pakaderm Studios with John and Dino Elefante recording what is to be a musical departure from past projects. If you are expecting a BEYOND BELIEF II, the band reports that UNSEEN POWER contains a number of surprises that sets this project apart from the others.

Remember the black gospel song "Who's on the Lord's Side?" Imagine that song done Petra-style. Also imagine it with a black choir backing them up. Unfortunately, you'll have to wait to find out which famous black choir it is, since no one's telling.

Other surprises include "Hand on My Heart" and "Hey World." The song "Hand on My Heart" is a tribute to Smokey Robinson. It was written in appreciation to God for his salvation and his influence on pop music.

"Hey World" is a positive pro-life song. This song is typical of the others you will find on the album - written from a personal point of view. Like John Lawry's ballad, "Likeness of You", the songs on this album are reflections of the band's goals, feelings, and energy.

UNSEEN POWER is different. It has feeling, bite, and that Petra edge. UNSEEN POWER will be available by the end of November from Image Merchandising; check the back page for details. You can also get it from your local music store through Word Distribution. It is expected to be released on Epic Records the first of 1992.

BUSY SCHEDULE PLANNED FOR SPRING/SUMMER

Along with selected concert dates in the Spring and Summer, Petra will be working on some additional projects in the first half of 1992. The band expects to continue work on their new video this Spring. It is also possible that the band may begin work on additional special projects during the first six months of 1992, as details can be settled.

When not touring, working on special projects, or shooting video footage, the band will be enjoying time with their families.

Petra expects to resume its full tour schedule, including festival and amusement part appearances, in late Summer or early Fall. For a current listing of Petra concert dates, see page four.

PETRA VIDEO SHOOT BEGINS

Filming begins in November for Petra's next video, "Backstage Pass". Unlike the previous "Beyond Belief Video Album", this video will not contain a dramatic storyline, but concentrate more on a behind-the-scenes look at the band. "Backstage Pass" will include footage shot in the recording studio and backstage at a Petra concert, and taking a look at "life with Petra". Release of the video is scheduled for next summer from Word.

PETRA/JOSH TOUR ENTERS NEW PHASE

The association between Josh McDowell and Petra continues in the fall of 1992, when the well-known author and speaker resumes his travels with the band on selected dates.

Josh will return with a brand new talk. Expanding on his "Why Wait?" theme, he will help young people distinguish between the intensity of sex and the intimacy of love. More than saying "no" to sex, Josh hopes to lead the audience to a greater understanding of what "true love" really means.

Petra and Josh McDowell Ministries first joined together for the "Who Do You Listen To?" Tour in 1990. Since that time, many thousands of people have heard and been encouraged by Josh's straight-forward talks on dating and sex, combined with Petra concerts which reflect his message.

For a list of dates when Josh will be appearing with Petra during the upcoming tour, see the schedule located on page four of this newsletter.

PETRA PRAYER WARRIOR

It has been Petra's desire to encourage individuals and groups alike to join together in daily prayer for their friends, families, churches, other Prayer Warriors and for the ministry of Petra. So in September of 1987, the Petra Prayer Warrior Campaign began with the purpose of motivating and training young people in the area of prayer and is now celebrating its 4th birthday!

The Petra Prayer Warrior Campaign is currently made up of 6,000 individual Prayer Warriors and 200 Prayer Warrior Groups from all over the U.S. and 15 foreign countries.

Many of you may be wondering what a Prayer Warrior is. A Prayer Warrior is a person who not only realizes the importance of prayer and wants to develop a deeper more effective prayer life, but also recognizes that according to Eph. 6:12, we are continually engaged in spiritual warfare with an enemy, who though defeated, wants to occupy territory, disrupt, and hinder God's will from being made manifest on earth.

A Prayer Warrior is someone who fights this spiritual battle described in Eph. 6:12 through prayer. The two major characteristics of a Prayer Warrior are: 1) A Prayer Warrior is willing to put aside or lay down his own activities, wants, desires, and give his time to pray for others (Jn 15:13, Phil 2:5,7). 2) a Prayer Warrior is willing to confess and ask forgiveness for not only his own sins but the sins of others (Ez 22:30, Job 22:30). He intercedes for the salvation of the lost and for God's will to be accomplished (1 Tim 2:1-4).

A Prayer Warrior's job is a very important one! Throughout the Bible there are numerous examples of men and women who were Prayer Warriors and prayed for individuals and nations. The Old Testament includes: Abraham (Gen 20:7), Elisha (II Kings 6:17), Job (Job 42:10), Moses (No 21:7), Samuel (I Sam 7:8,9), Nehemiah (Neh 1:4-11) and Jeremiah (Jer 42:2-4). The New Testament includes: Anna (Lk 2:37b), Paul (Rom 10:1-3), the church (Acts 3:1, 12:5), and of course Jesus (Jn 17:9-16, Heb. 7:25) who continually intercedes before the Father for us!

Please Pray For:

1. God's anointing on our next release "UNSEEN POWER".
2. Godly wisdom and guidance in management decisions and the direction for Petra's ministry in 1992.
3. Unity in vision between the band, management, Word & Epic Record Companies and favor to accomplish God's will.
4. Your family and friends: Acts 26:18, Phil 1:9-11, and Ps 5:12, 1:3.

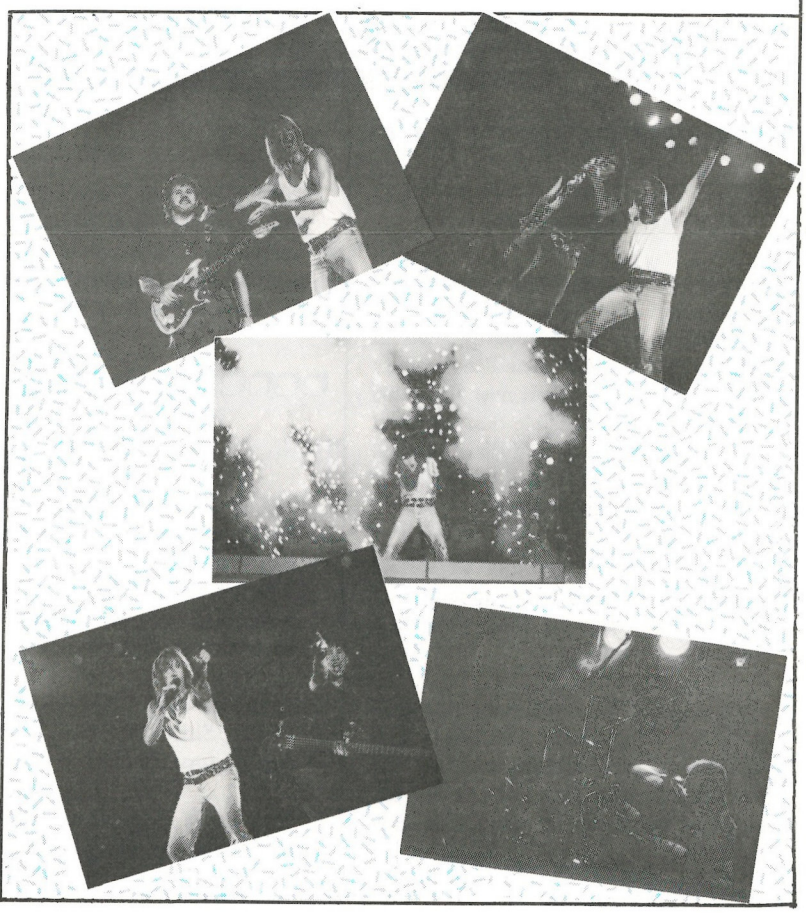
Prayer Warriors receive two letters a year to keep them informed of prayer needs of the ministry and a current Petra tour schedule.

The Prayer Warrior Update Line is available to call and hear current concert information and special prayer requests or praise reports. These change on the first of each month. You may call the Update Line at (615) 791-1509.

We are excited that young people everywhere are responding to the call of prayer. Every Prayer Warrior has an important part in God's kingdom. We know the effectiveness of this ministry is the result of the many faithful prayers of the Prayer Warriors which are deeply appreciated.

Petra continues to offer tools to help Prayer Warriors and Prayer Warrior groups develop an effective prayer life. A booklet entitled "Petra Prayer Warrior Devotional Booklet" contains 50 prayer devotions simply written with scripture references throughout. It not only explains how to become a Prayer Warrior but also gives example prayers to help the reader become skillful in praying scripturally. This booklet is available through Image Merchandising Inc. at 1-800-72-PETRA.

If you or your youth group are interested in becoming a Petra Prayer Warrior, you may write to: PETRA PRAYER WARRIORS, P.O. Box 190, Nashville, TN 37202.



Greetings....

God has given all of us the Great Commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel (Mark 16:15), and we in Petra have tried to go where God has led us and allowed us to travel.

This year, Petra was shown a tremendous amount of support when we received four Dove Awards, a Grammy, plus various readers' choice awards. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for that support, and especially for all your prayers. We look at our awards as encouragement along the way, but not the goal of our ministry. When all is said and done, we can only hope to hear those wonderful words "Well done thy good and faithful servant" as we stand before our Lord. That's the goal of our ministry and is the ultimate reward we are striving for. May God bless you as you continue to lift Him up.

In His Service,

John Lawry

About the guys...

KFC PRESENTS Billboard ANNUAL SONG CONTEST

Petra's Bob Hartman joins twenty other musicians and artists as a judge in the Annual Billboard Song Contest presented by Kentucky Fried Chicken. Bob will be judging entries received in the most talented non-professional songwriter category.

The contest is co-sponsored by approximately 500 radio stations nationwide, and covers seven different music categories, including Gospel/Contemporary Christian. Other judges include Amy Grant, Andre Crouch, Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster. Entries are available at participating KFC restaurants, with an entry deadline of November 30, 1991.

Lead vocalist John Schlitt has spent some of his non-Petra time performing for smaller groups and conferences around the country. These dates give John an opportunity to meet and share his testimony one-on-one with groups of young people in situations more suited to personal encounters than full-scale Petra concerts.

John stated, "These personal concerts are a joy, just as my concerts with Petra, but in a different way. They bring a fuller dimension to my ministry. I'm allowed new opportunities to find out what young people are thinking and where they are in their faith. It keeps me current."

Be on the lookout for Louie Weaver's drum fellowship video, "Back to the Basics." The video should be released just in time for the holidays. "Back to the Basics" will include instruction by Louie on drum performance, plus on-the-road footage filmed during the current Petra tour. Also, watch for one of Louie's drum fellowship seminars where drummers unite in a city near you.

BACK TO THE BASICS PETRA LOUIE WEAVER

Ronny Cates's wife, Tresa, gave birth to a baby girl Tuesday, September 24, 1991 at 2:07 p.m. The name chosen for the new addition is Kelsi Nicole. Kelsi weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces. Both mother and daughter are doing well, and the proud father is adjusting nicely to his new role.

John Lawry has begun a brief schedule of E-mu performance clinics at music stores in Tennessee and Alabama. At these clinics, John will be demonstrating E-mu equipment he uses, by performing songs from his solo project, MEDIA ALERT.

In addition, he will also be doing a Peavey performance clinic in Vancouver when the band travels to Canada this Fall.

John is excited about these new ventures, and sees them as a "wonderful opportunity to share" his faith. Check local radio and newspapers for any clinics that may be held at music stores in your area.

YOU'VE BEEN ASKING...

Q: Could you please tell me the names of all the recordings that Petra has done and the year they came out? Also the names of any Petra videos that have been released?

A: Excluding all "greatest hits" or "best of" compilations, here's the list of Petra's album releases so far: Petra (1974), Come and Join Us (1977), Washes Whiter Than (1979), Never Say Die (1982), More Power to Ya (1983), Not of This World (1983), Beat the System (1985), Captured in Time and Space (1986), Back to the Street (1986), This Means War! (1987), On Fire! (1988), Petra Praise: The Rock Cries Out (1989) and Beyond Belief (1990). Unseen Power will be their fourteenth release of new material.

Q: I went to see the movie "Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey"" with some friends and was surprised to hear Kiss singing a Petra song, "God Gave Rock and Roll to You." Some of the words had been changed, but it was definitely the same song. Why did you let them record your song? My friends and I are very concerned about this!

A: The song "God Gave Rock and Roll to You" was written by Russ Ballard in 1973. In order to record the song, Petra had to get permission from his publishing company, just as Kiss did in recording their version. Russ Ballard is credited as the songwriter in both instances. Since no member of Petra was involved in actually writing the song, the band's permission was not necessary when Kiss chose to record their own version.

Q: Does Petra have a fan club?

A: The band has never established a fan club. They feel it is important that eyes be turned toward the Lord, not toward themselves. However, along with this newsletter, they try to keep Petra supporters in touch with their ministry through the Petra Prayer Warriors program. There is more information on that particular part of Petra's ministry on page two of this newsletter.

PETRA ORDER FORM

t-shirts and sweatshirts:	price	S	M	L	XL	QTY.	TOTAL
Unseen Power t-shirt	15.00						
Unseen Power sweatshirt	22.00						
20th Anniversary t-shirt	15.00						
My Creed t-shirt	14.00						
Petra Praise t-shirt	14.00						
Petra Praise sweatshirt	22.00						
other items:							
UNSEEN POWER button	2.50						
BEYOND BELIEF button	2.50						
PETRA PRAISE button	2.50						
UNSEEN POWER poster	5.00						
BEYOND BELIEF poster	5.00						
PETRA PRAISE poster	5.00						
ON FIRE poster	5.00						
UNSEEN POWER cap (black)	10.00						
UNSEEN POWER bandana	5.00						
Prayer Warrior Devotional Book	8.00						
recorded product: cass and lp $10 / cd $14			cd	lp	cass		
UNSEEN POWER							
BEYOND BELIEF							
PETRA PRAISE							
PETRA MEANS ROCK							
ON FIRE!							
THIS MEANS WAR!							
BACK TO THE STREET							
CAPTURED IN TIME & SPACE							
BEAT THE SYSTEM							
NOT OF THIS WORLD							
MORE POWER TO YA							
NEVER SAY DIE							
WASHES WHITER THAN							
COME AND JOIN US							
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songbooks, etc.							
Transformer Bible	9.95						
UNSEEN POWER song folio	8.00						
BEYOND BELIEF songbook	8.00						
PETRA PRAISE Kit (accompaniment track and 10 songbooks)	cassette or cd track 29.95	circle one					
set of 25 Petra Praise songbooks	19.95						
ON FIRE song folio	9.00						
SYSTEM/WORLD songbook	10.00						
WAR/STREET songbook	10.00						
BEYOND BELIEF Video Movie	19.95	50 min./VHS					

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- ☐ Check
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Call for other merchandise available.

PETRA GUESTS ON CARMAN ALBUM

Petra was recently in the studio with Carman working on his new Benson project, ADDICTED TO JESUS. The band is featured on one song, entitled "Our Turn Now." The November release also features additional guest appearances by artists DC Talk and Commissioned.

TOUR SCHEDULE

1992

JUNE
18 ATLANTA, GA — ATLANTA FEST
20 WACO, TX
27 MT. UNION, PA — CREATION

JULY
24 ROCKFORD, IL
25 MILFORD, NE

AUGUST
27 DARIEN LAKE, NY
29 HOT SPRINGS, AR

OCTOBER
* 8 COLUMBUS, OH (T)
* 10 DETROIT, MI (T)
* 12 INDIANAPOLIS, IN (T)
* 13 TULSA, OK
* 15 DALLAS, TX (T)
* 17 HOUSTON, TX
* 29 ATLANTA, GA (T)
* 31 GREENVILLE, SC (T)

NOVEMBER
* 2 BIRMINGHAM, AL (T)
* 4 AKRON, OH (T)
* 6 HERSHEY, PA (T)
* 7 PHILADELPHIA, PA (T)

FEBRUARY
7 SARASOTA, FL
27 ROCHESTER, NY (T)
28 SYRACUSE, NY (T)
29 TORONTO, ONTARIO

APRIL
4 SAN ANTONIO, TX — SEA WORLD
10 ATLANTA, GA — SIX FLAGS
17 ARLINGTON, TX — SIX FLAGS
18 HOUSTON, TX — ASTROWORLD

MAY
8 ROCHESTER, MN
9 OMAHA, NE

NOVEMBER
1 WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
2 CARONPORT, SASKATCHEWAN
4 CALGARY, ALBERTA
5 EDMONTON, ALBERTA
#+ 7 SIOUX FALLS, SD
#+ 8 AMES, IA
9 DAVENPORT, IA
14 NEW CASTLE, PA
16 AKRON, OH
17 COCOLAMUS, PA
22 SPRINGFIELD, IL

DECEMBER
31 COLUMBUS, OH

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# WITH AL DENSON
\+ WITH STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN

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